



Minnesota Department of Transportation

Transportation Building

395 John Ireland Boulevard
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155-1899

May 16, 2000

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Minnesota Department of Transportation I encourage you to support S.1900, the "High Speed Rail Investment Act of 2000." This act will establish a long-term, dedicated source of capital for intercity passenger rail service without impacting existing highway, aviation or transit funding sources.

This source of funds will allow Minnesota the opportunity to build a long term comprehensive strategy with eight other midwestern states to fully implement the Midwest Regional Rail System, a long term blueprint to create a 3,000 mile network of 110 MPH passenger rail service.

I appreciate your support of S. 1900 establishing a funding system for multi-modal transportation in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elwyn Finklenberg', written over a horizontal line.

Elwyn Finklenberg
Commissioner

cc: Governor Jesse Ventura